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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, 37 CFR §1.115Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~cancel~~ Claims ~~1-17~~, without prejudice on the merits to further prosecution of these claims in one or more continuing applications.

Please add ~~new~~ Claims ~~18-53~~, as follows:

~~18~~ - 18. Recombinant immunoglobulin heavy chain binding protein.